

IN RECOGNITION OF LETRENT'S
PHARMACY

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Letrent's Pharmacy as they celebrate their 50th anniversary of serving the people of Bedford, Pennsylvania. For 50 years, Letrent's Pharmacy has served the people in that community with the utmost care and consideration. The pharmacy has been a family owned and operated business since Richard Letrent opened the pharmacy in 1972 after spending 5 years in another location not too far from his current flagship store.

Richard, his wife Connie and their daughter, Connie are all proud alumni of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, and their tight-knit family make up three of the five practicing pharmacists at Letrent's.

Throughout the time they have operated the pharmacy, the Letrent's have dedicated themselves to ensuring the health and wellness of the Bedford County community.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District it is my honor to wish the Letrent family a happy 50th anniversary, and many, many more to come. Congratulations on this incredible milestone.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY AND
MINISTRY OF THE FIRST PRES-
BYTERIAN CHURCH OF COLO-
RADO SPRINGS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the legacy and ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs.

2022 marks First Pres's 150th year of ministry to Colorado Springs. This congregation has distinguished itself as a church after God's own heart in that time. To quote one of its former pastors, First Presbyterian is "a church rich in fellowship, broad in outreach, evangelical in spirit, and generous in attitude."

Founded in 1872, this church has been a pillar to our community since its inception. It has faithfully ministered to over six generations of Coloradans with one straightforward mission; to reflect the love of Jesus Christ into their community.

Their congregation has demonstrated this time and time again through their generous philanthropic efforts and numerous community partnerships. They donate millions of dollars annually to local engagement, proudly partnering with over 18 local missions and non-profits. Together, they help fight against the prevalent problems facing our community, such as homelessness, food insecurity, and the absence of affordable healthcare and housing.

This church truly embodies the principle found in Acts 20:35, "it is more blessed to give than receive." The members of this church live out what it means to love their

neighbor as themselves for the sake of the Gospel.

It is undeniable that First Pres has helped to shape the life and soul of Colorado Springs from a frontier town into the nationally acclaimed city on the hill that it is today.

As we look forward to many more generations of life-changing ministry, I'm honored to gratefully reflect on the last 150 years of impactful work that God has done through First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs. I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in honoring this institution of faith and grace.

REMEMBERING GARY LEE
GUTELIUS

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend Gary Lee Gutelius, who passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at the age of 74. We are all heartbroken by his passing because he was the friend that was always there to help and support. It didn't matter the cause or the event, Gary showed up. He understood that the best lives lived are those of service. He knew how to be a friend even in tough times. His death is a blow to our entire community, and we all need to do more for each other to try to make up for this tremendous loss.

He was born on February 12, 1948, in Warren, the second son of the late Harold and Ruth Harsh Gutelius. Gary was a 1966 graduate of Warren G. Harding High School. After graduating, Gary was drafted into the United States Army in 1967, serving with the 101st Airborne Division in the Vietnam War. During his tour, Gary took part in Operation Apache Snow, where he was wounded at the Battle of Hamburger Hill. For his meritorious service during his service, he would receive the Bronze Star medal and the Purple Heart.

After returning home, Gary would become a well-known figure in our community, especially with veterans. He would work for Packard Electric from 1970 to 2006 and serve as president of their veteran's committee for 16 years. Gary belonged to many different veteran organizations, including being a lifetime member of: D.A.V. Chapter 11, the VFW Post 1090, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 606 where he served as Senior Vice Commander, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion Post 540 and the Amvets Post 290. Gary headed up the Veterans Day and Memorial Day committee for Trumbull County, as well as organized volunteers every year to decorate the veterans' graves for Memorial Day. He was also one of five individuals responsible for bringing the Vietnam Wall That Heals to Warren. Gary became a veteran services commissioner in 2013 and was honored as a Tribune Chronicle "Community Star" and received the Valley Legacy award in 2014. In 2018, Gary had the honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church of Warren and enjoyed boating, skiing, and hunting. Gary had dreams of restoring his cherished MG car and was a finan-

cial supporter for the restoration and upkeep of the Gutelius home and museum in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harold Gutelius and Ruth Harsh Gutelius. He is survived by his siblings, Dan Gutelius (Pat) of Canfield; his girlfriend Anna Marie Rosasco of Champion; his nephew Steve Gutelius (Marissa) of Howland; his niece Beth Kant (Adam) of Cortland; his great-nephews, Jackson and Dylan; and his great-niece Lyla.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
BRIAN C. DARLING

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Brian C. Darling, who recently retired after nearly three decades in the United States Army and the New Jersey Army National Guard.

Brian grew up in Manchester, NJ, and was inspired by his familial legacy of service. He decided to carry that torch himself and enlisted in the active-duty Army in 1995. Brian was deployed overseas for several years as a Paralegal Specialist where he provided legal and administrative support to the Army's legal team. Over the course of his service, he served tours in Iraq in 2008, Afghanistan in 2010, and Qatar from 2014–2015. He spent the past year as an active part of the Army's mission to fight COVID-19 and is retiring at the rank of Staff Sergeant. Brian's service hasn't ended with his retirement, he continues to be a valued schoolteacher in the Central Regional School District of Bayville, New Jersey.

I would like to formally thank Staff Sergeant Darling for his service to the United States of America and his continued contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF SILVIA
MIRANDA

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Silvia Miranda of Mesa Elementary School in Clovis, New Mexico, for her incredible commitment to New Mexico's children, schools, and community.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded Ms. Miranda the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The award program is administered by NSF on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to recognize the invaluable contributions of exceptional K–12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science teachers. It is the highest honor our nation can bestow to a math or science teacher.

This prestigious award is only one of many things Ms. Miranda has achieved over her illustrious career. The award echoes the praise

offered by Ms. Miranda's administrators and colleagues who describe her as an asset and a blessing to Clovis Municipal Schools and to those whom she works with. In addition to being an experienced bilingual educator, Ms. Miranda also engages students by helping to organize the Mesa Science Fair and Spanish Spelling Bee. Her dedication and passion is the foundation for the academic and personal growth of her students both when she is their teacher and long after.

Ms. Miranda is a shining example of the passion and dedication that define our great state, and we are proud that she calls New Mexico home. I offer my congratulations to Ms. Miranda and thank her from the bottom of my heart for her contributions to the future of New Mexico—our youth.

REMEMBERING WALTER IGNATIUS WILLARD

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Walter Ignatius Willard.

Walter was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 14, 1957, the fifth child of twelve born to the late Elliot "Doc" Willard Sr. and Mary Jane Jordan Willard. He passed away peacefully on February 11, 2022, at the age of 64, after a well-fought battle with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by the love of his life, Valerie "Missy" Sims; their three daughters, Jordan, Jillian, and Jenna; his eleven siblings; and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

A proud Purple Knight, Walter attended St. Augustine High School, and prior to graduating in 1975, played trumpet for St. Aug's renowned Marching 100. He not only was the trumpet section leader, but also was the first musician selected to play the band's newly introduced herald trumpet. He then earned a B.A. in political science in 1979 at Tulane University, where his ceaseless love of music led him to join the university's marching band. Walter then ventured to Washington, D.C., where he obtained his J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law in 1982. While in the nation's capital, Walter worked in the Capitol Hill offices of Louisiana Congressman Gillis Long, Senator Russell Long, and Senator J. Bennett Johnston.

Walter returned to New Orleans to start his law career, eventually earning a Master of Law degree in energy and environment from Tulane Law School in 1993. Over the course of his 30-year legal career, he was admitted to the bar for the states of Louisiana, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and served as judge pro tempore for the Orleans Civil District Court. As Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice." A passionate advocate for justice, Walter spent his career leveraging his judgment and compassion in the pursuit of Dr. King's vision for authentic peace. One of his greatest endeavors in this regard was acting as one of the plaintiffs in the historic Supreme Court redistricting case *Chisom v. Edwards*, which set the stage for Louisiana's first African American Supreme Court justice.

Walter's remarkable life was characterized by unconditional love and support for family and friends, zealous engagement with community programs and initiatives to improve life for others, and an ardent devotion to God. A life-long parishioner at St. Raymond Catholic Church, he was an altar boy in his youth and became a member of the church's choir as an adult. Selflessly committed to the betterment of his community, Walter's civic involvements included acting as a voluntary attorney in child neglect cases for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court CASA program, participating on the mayor's Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee as well as the Task Force on City-Owned Cemeteries, and serving as a member and chair of the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission. Additionally, Walter was a 30-year member of the Sugar Bowl Committee and a nine-year board member of both the Young Leadership Council and Young Audiences of Louisiana organization.

A veritable Renaissance Man, one could easily find Walter in a courtroom arguing a case, at Tipitina's jamming out to the Soul Rebels, at the Riverbend coaching his daughters' soccer teams, at the Loyola gym picking up a game of basketball, in the kitchen making omelets, in the yard planting a garden, restoring an old car, or playing with the family's menagerie of pets. He was a wonder to all who knew and loved him, and he will be remembered fondly for his joyful spirit and relentless optimism, which served him well until God called him home. The loss and death of Walter bears witness to the divine and mysterious power of redemptive suffering. Through his heroic battle, Walter has helped shower numerous heavenly graces and blessings upon all of those he loved so deeply, and we are eternally grateful.

HONORING MICHAEL MEDART

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend, Michael "Mike" Medart, of Medart Engine & Marine, on the conclusion of his tenure as Chairman of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW), an association comprised of the distributors who keep America moving.

During Mike's leadership, NAW fought for and defended pro-business policies that boost our local economies. NAW, with its partners, also donated more than \$1 million in PPE and other supplies to help reopen America. NAW saw rapid growth in the industry and the association itself and was crucial in reopening America at a critical time.

The name Medart is familiar to Missourians in my district and our region, having been a mainstay in the community for more than 100 years. Mike is at the helm of a third generation of leadership, an incredible legacy of which he should be proud. The family-owned company prioritizes a "Golden Rule Service" commitment to their customers and employs more than a hundred workers, with many having been with the company for decades.

I congratulate Mike and thank him for his leadership nationally and at home in Missouri!

HONORING WGY NEWS RADIO ON THEIR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate WGY News Radio on celebrating 100 years of informing and entertaining New Yorkers.

WGY was first established when General Electric received their Broadcasting License and was randomly assigned the now acclaimed letters WGY on February 4, 1922. WGY's first broadcast took place on February 20, 1922, 7:47 p.m. in Schenectady, New York. WGY employees were pioneers in the new wireless radio technology sector, which is evident in the station's incredible accomplishments. WGY was the first radio station in New York State and, in 1926, it became the first NBC affiliate station. Since then, the station has established itself as one of the premier sources of news and entertainment for the North Country while also providing a space for major historical moments.

While he was governor of New York, Franklin D. Roosevelt began broadcasting his now famous fireside chats on WGY. In 1923, WGY became the first radio station to solve a major criminal case, when Verner Alexanderson was returned home after being kidnapped due to the on-air efforts to make the public aware of his disappearance. WGY was the home of The Rush Limbaugh Show before its conclusion in 2021 and continues to broadcast many talk show programs, fulfilling its mission to enrich and connect New Yorkers.

WGY prides itself on being an exceptional source of public service and engagement, as evidenced by its numerous awards and achievements. In 2009, WGY won the Radio Television Digital News Association Edward R. Murrow Award for its exceptional reporting on the Capital Region ice storm. During the 2021 Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting, WGY won awards in categories including Outstanding Public Service Announcement and Campaign, Outstanding Interview, and Outstanding Use of Digital Platforms.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I congratulate WGY News Radio for 100 years of exemplary service to the people of New York State, including North Country families. The station's active engagement with the community and public service continues to inspire, connect, and enrich the lives of New Yorkers.

TRIBUTE TO SAM COHEN ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam Cohen on the occasion of his 60th birthday for his distinguished service over the years. Sam serves as the Legal and Government Affairs Officer of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians located in my district, where he has supported the Tribe's leadership and members for more than